

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-3, 8-10, and 15-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cook et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,961,783).

Claims 4-7, 11-14, and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cook et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,961,783) as applied to claims 2, 9, and 16 above, and further in view of Hydrie et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,093,288).

According to the foregoing, the claims are amended, and thus the pending claims remain for reconsideration, which is respectfully requested.

No new matter has been added.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Misspelling, unintelligibleness, and informalities in the specification have been corrected by amendment. Therefore, withdrawal of the objection of specification is respectfully requested.

IN THE DRAWINGS

In the Office Action at page 2 item 1, the Examiner objected to the drawings. In order to overcome these objections, two replacement sheets for FIGS. 8 and 14A, including annotated sheets thereof, are submitted herewith.

In FIG. 8, reference number "100" is now shown.

In FIG. 14A, reference number "2" is now shown.

Fig. 8 and Fig. 14A have been replaced with amended ones. Accordingly, Fig. 8 and Fig. 14A comply with under 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). Therefore, withdrawal of the objection of Fig. 8 and Fig. 14A is respectfully requested.

35 USC 102 AND 103 REJECTIONS

Claims 1-21 have been amended. No new matter is presented. Claims 1-21 are pending and under consideration.

Cook et al. discloses that the IP address for Darpa.mil is accessible only to mil users (lines 22 and 23 of column 5). In other words, Cook et al. disclose that a DNS server notifies a

communication source of a URL of a communication destination when it is allowed that the communication source is a user of the communication destination. In short, the DNS server is based on whether the communication source is a user of the communication destination.

However, Cook et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest the features of "identifying, when a query about an address corresponding to a name of a communication destination is received from a communication source, a network type of a network to which the communication source belongs and a network type of a network to which the communication destination belongs" and "a judging, based on a result of identification by the identifying unit, whether or not to allow to give, as a response, the address corresponding to a name of the communication destination to the communication source of the query," as recited in claim 1.

Therefore, claim 1 is not anticipated by Cook et al.

Regarding claim 2, Cook et al. does not disclose, teach, or suggest the features of "identifying which of a first network and a second network the communication source and the communication destination belong to each" and "searching for an address of the communication destination to be given to the communication source as a response to the query when the identifying unit identifies that the communication source belongs to the first network and that the communication destination belongs to the second network," as recited in claim 2.

Therefore, claim 2 is not anticipated by Cook et al.

Claims 8, 9, 15, and 16 recite similar features of Claims 1 and 2. Therefore, Claims 8, 9, 15, and 16 are not anticipated by Cook et al.

Dependent Claims 3, 10, and 17 recite patentably distinguishing feature of their own. For example, Claims 10 recites "invalidating sending the response if there is no application of which a use is permitted in a communication between the communication source and the communication destination when the identifying means identifies that the communication source belongs to the first network and the communication destination belongs to the second network."

Therefore, Dependent Claims 3, 10, and 17 are not anticipated by Cook et al.

Thus, withdrawal of the rejections of Claims 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17 under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Cook et al. is respectfully requested.

Dependent Claims 4-7, 11-14, and 18-21 necessarily include all of the features of their associated independent claim plus other additional patentably distinguishing features that are disclosed by the references.

In view of the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejections of pending claims and allowance of pending claims is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,
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